IN THE COURT OF APPEALS FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO HAMILTON COUNTY OHIO

STATE OF OHIO
Plaintiff-Appellee

-vs-

LOUIS MERRIWEATHER

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EXHIBIT

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C030948

C.A.NO.

Trial Court No.B-9702196

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF HAMILION, SS:

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE DELAYED APPEAL UNDER APP.R.5(a)

Now comes Appellate-defendant, Louis Merriweather, in pro se, an unlettered Appellant, and formally give notice for request for leave to file a delayed appeal under App.R. 5(a), from ruling or judgment entered in the above case from the Hamilotn county common pleas court on Sept.29,2003, without strictly complieing with Ohio's Civil Rules of Procedure 5(a) and 58(B), "notice of service and or Post-card service" of ruling or judgment entered in the present case, denying Appellant the right to

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this notice was forward by U.S.mail to Ms.Michael K.Allen, 230 E.9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, on this day of the 2003.

Louis Merriweather

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Now comes Appellant-defendant, Louis Merriweather, in pro se, and respectfully moves this honorable court for leave to file a delayed appeal under App.Rule 5 (a), on a ruling/judgment that was issued on Sept.29,2003, in the Hamilton county common pleas court in the above case no.B-976244, the reason for this rquest is that trial court and the Hamilton county clerk of courts failed to timely provide Appellant with"notice of service"on trial court's denial of peition filed under O.R.C. §2953.21, on a serious question of "subject matter jurisdiction", which was raised on first time under new and discovered evidence". This petition was filed with Hamilton county clerk of courts on Sept. 9,2003.

FACIS OF CASE NO.B-9702/96

In March 1997, appellant was arrested without a warrant and without being properly orally informing Appellant of what he was being arrested for, during trial court proceeding "without". (1) per-trial discover; (2) without a proper complaint; appellant was indured by trial counsel to plea guilty too 4 counts of rape without force or threat of force, in violaion of O.R.C. § 2907.02(A)(1), in "absence" of a complaint and affidavit properly filed as provided by O.R.C. § 2935.05 and Rule 4(E)(2) of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION §2935.05; states in part;

When a person named in section §2935.05 of the Revised Code has arrested a person without a warrant the arresting officer shall without unnecessary delay, take the person arrested before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction of the offense, and shall file or cause to file an affidavit describing the offense for which the person was arrested.

RULE 4 (E)(2); PROVIDES IN PERTINENT PART;

(2)Arrest without warrant:

"Where a person is arrested without a warrant the arresting officer shall, bring the arrested person without unnecessary delay befor a court having jurisdiction of the offense, and shall file or cause to be filed a complaint describing the offense for which the person was arrested.

Thus, under Ohio law the "complaints and affidavits" in the present case were "not" arrest warrants but were "charging instruments". As such, in absence of a complaint and affidavit, did "not" strictly complie with the requirements of Rule 3 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, which states;

"The complaint is a written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged. It shall also state the numerical designation of the applicable statute or ordinance. It shall be made upon oath before any person authorized by law to administer oaths. (Emphasis added). "[The] purpose and function of a complaint is to inform the accused of the crime of which he is charged. It forms the essential basis of the court's jurisdiction and the subsequent trial and judgment", City of Cleveland v. Weaver, 10 Misc(2d) 15,461 N.E.2d.32 (Muni, Cleveland 1983); City of New Albany v. Dalton, 104 App. (3d), 307,661 N.E.2d.1132 (Franklin 1995); State v. Villagomez, 44 App. (2d) 209,211,337 N.E.2d.167. [The] properly filed complaint gives "Municipal Court" in Ohio jurisdiction in a criminal case, without a proper complaint as in the present case, municipal court lacked jurisdiction.

"[M]unicipal court did not acquire competent jurisdiction in criminal case when complaint and affidavit were not properly signed by complainant,"in absence of sufficient formal accusation, a court acquires "no" jurisdiction, and if it assumes jurisdiction, a trial, conviction are nullity. State v.Miller, 547 N.E. 2d. 399 (Hamilton County 1988):In State v.Craig, (Mar. 12, 1986), Hamilton App. No. C-850444, unreported, 1986 WL 3096, holding "The complaint is the jurisdictional instrument of the municipal court".

"The filing of a proper affidavit is pre-requisite to acquistion of jurisdiction by municipal court, and writing which purports to be affidavit is without any validity unless properlysworn to before some person possessing authority to administer oaths. South Euclid v.Samartini, (M.C.1965), 5 Ohio Misc. 38, 31 0.0.2d. 87, 204 N.E. 2d. 425. Failure to have affidavit verified is jurisdictional, and such defect cannot be wavied.

The Ohio Constitution guarantees to every defendant the right to know the nature and cause of the accusation against him", section 10.article 1, of the Ohio Constitution. The primary purpose of a charging instrument in a criminal prosecution is to inform the defendant the nature of the offense with which he is charged.State v.Lindway, (1936), 131 Ohio St.166,2.N.E.2d.490,cert.den.299 U.S.506.57 v.State, (1923), 107 Ohio St.307,140 N.E.2d.349; State v.Villagomez,(1974),44 Ohio App.209,337 N.E.2d.167; City of Toledo v.Kohlhofer,(1954),96 OHIO App.355,122 N.E.2d.20:See Schroeder-Katz, Ohio Criminal Law Vol.2, "Crim.R.3.. Author's text's p.126; "Since under the Rules of Criminal Procedure the"complaint"serves the same function as the affidavit did in pre-rule days, the same standard for judging the sufficiency of an affidavit must be applied, unless some provision of the Rules of Criminal Procedure changes the rule that the complaint must state"all"the material elements of the crime charged. The state places great emphasis on the fact that Criminal Rule 3, states that the complaint should contain "essential" facts constituting the offense charged and does not mention the term elements of the crime"Crim.Rule 3 means at a minimum that the list of essential facts contained in the complaintt must state the essential elements of the crime charged. In the present case there appears aft er over years of requests be"no"complaint"sworn"or"unsworn"listing all the essential facts.In New Albany v.Dalton,166 N.E2d.1132; The court ruled an unsworn complaint as in this case is: void, and any resulting conviction would be void. If a convictions under these conditions is too stand, its denies the defendant due process of law under the 14th amendment of the U.S.Constitution, and Article 1, Section 10, of the Ohio Constitution.

Failure to present properly sworn affidavit is defect that deprives court of subject matter jurisdiction and "cannot" be waived by defendant, Rules Crim. Proc. Rule 12.

ISSUE ONE

On the question of subject matter jurisdiction filed and stamped by the Hamilton county clerk of courts for the first time on Sept.2,2003,under§2953.21[new and discovered evidence]. The appearance docket of case no. B-9702196 of 11/28/03 shows petittion under §2953.21 was filed on 9/09/03 and denied on 9/29/03 without providing service to appellant.[Appearance docket of 11/28/03 is attached].On 10/27/03 the appellant in writing requested a copy of appearance docket for case no.B-9702196, this written request was not stamped received till Nov.4,2003 at 10:58 a.m.[see attached request].Appellant did receive requested appearance docket though not instituttional legal mail system till Dec.3,2003[see attached envelope]. The trial court nor the Hamilton county clerk of court"strictly"complied with Ohio Criminal Rule 5(a),or Civil Rule 58(B)"Post-Card notice"service should have been provided to assure timely appeal, without such notice/service, Appellant deliberately denied the right to file a timely appeal of the trial court's denial of 9/29/03.Notice/service should have been provided Appellant timely; Miamisburg Motel v.Huntiington Natl.Bank.623 N.E.2d.172, (Ohio App.2 Dist.1993).without such notice/service Appellant was denied due process of law cause Appellant alleges that his arrest, trial, conviction and sentence were"unlawful"thus Appellant's is"unlawful"for the following reasons; (1) Appellant was "not" properly imprisonment informed the charges against him, (2) Without proper complaint affidavit, municipal court and Hamilton county common pleas courts were without proper jurisdiction of the subject matter, and such conviction and imprisonment is in strict violation of the Ohio Constitution, Article 1, Section 10.

ISSUE TWO

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO Plaintiff-Appellee

C030948

vs.

LOUIS MERRIWEATHER: Defendant-Appellant;

CASE NO. B-9702196

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is herey given that Louis Merriweather, defendant-Appellant, hereby appeals to the court of Appeals of Hamilton County, Ohio, First Appellate District, from final judgment entered in this present action on the 29th day of Sept.2003.

Louis Merriweather, #348-451

P.O.box 5500

Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-0990

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that atrue and correct copy of the foregoing notice of appeal was forward to the Hamilton County Clerk of court at 1000 Main St. CinCinnati, Ohio 45202

on this / day of

Louis Merriweather

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STATE OF OHIO-PALINTIFF-APPELLE

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LOUIS MERRIWEATHER-DEFENDANT-APPELLANT

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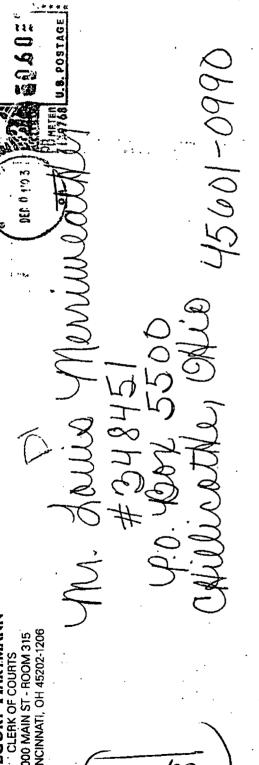


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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO



STATE OF OHIO

APPEAL NO. C-030948 TRIAL NO. B-9702196

Appellee,

Vs

ENTRY GRANTING LEAVE TO APPEAL AND EXTENDING TIME

LOUIS MERRIWEATHER

Appellant,

This cause came on to be considered upon the PRO SE motions of the appellant filed herein for leave to appeal and for the appointment of counsel, and

The Court, upon consideration thereof, finds that the motion for leave to appeal is well taken and is granted; however, the motion for the appointment of counsel is not well taken and is overruled.

Wherefore, upon consideration thereof, the appellant shall have until February 27, 2004 to file the docket statement.

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per order of the Court.

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STATE OF OHIO,

Ralph Winkler

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Plaintiff-Appellee,

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VS.

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LOUIS MERRIWEATHER,

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Defendant-Appellant.

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ACCELERATED CALENDAR SCHEDULING ORDER

Having reviewed the notice of appeal and docket statement filed herein, and pursuant to Local Rule 12(2), it is the Order of this Court that this cause be placed on the Court's accelerated calendar.

It is Ordered that the complete record of this action be filed on or before 06/09/2004. (See paragraphs one and two of the enclosed.)

The appellant's brief shall be filed on or before <u>07/09/2004</u>. The appellee's brief shall be filed on or before <u>08/10/2004</u>. (See paragraph four of the enclosed.)

Counsel who wish to submit the appeal to the Court without oral argument should submit a written request to the court at least three working days prior to the hearing.

NOTE: Enclosed with this Order are several admonitions. These admonitions should be reviewed.

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By: Presiding Judge

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO **HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**



STATE OF OHIO

APPEAL NO. C-030948

Appellee,

vs.

ENTRY STRIKING BRIEF AND EXTENDING TIME TO FILE AMENDED BRIEF UNTIL 6/16/04

LOUIS MERRIWEATHER

Appellant,

This cause came on to be considered upon the brief of the appellant filed herein on 5/26/04, and

The Court upon consideration thereof sua sponte strikes said brief for the reason that it does not contain a final order. See Local Rule 6(B)(1)(b).

Wherefore, upon consideration thereof the appellant shall have until to file an amended brief in conformance with the rules of this Court.

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CASE NO.C-030948

STATE OF OHIO

Plaintiff-Appellee

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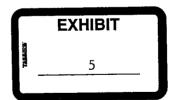
Defendant-Appellant

APPEAL FROM THEE DECISION OF COMMON PLEAS COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY CRIMINAL DIVISON

REVISED BRIEF OF APPELLANT LOUIS MERRIWEATHER

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO HAMILTON COUNTY, ORIO

STATE OF OHIO

Plaintiff-Appellee

No.C-030948

-VS-

LOUIS MERRIWEATHER

Defendant-Appellant

REVISED BRIEF OF DEFENDANT-APPELLANT

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

a) Procedural Posture

Defendant-Appellant, Louis Merriweather, was named in a four (4) count indictment returned by a Hamilton County Grand Jury, in April of 1997, alleging Appellant forced a minor girl child into sexual conduct [cumninlingus], in violation of R.C.§2907.02(A)(1). In less then 45 days from indictment, Appellant's defense counsel induced/coerced Appellant into pleading guilty too two(2) counts of the indictment on [prommise(s)] from defense counsel, a maximum sentence of 10 years on each count, to run current to each other was imposed upon Appellant for his pleas, with sexual predator specifications to each count.

From the judgment of the trial court, Appellant Merriweather now appeals to this court.

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

b) This is a classic case of she said, she heard. The state based its' arrest and charges on Kisha Parrish and Erica Parrish Black (Kisha is Erica's Aunt), who in the past

charged Appellant with raping her (kisha) on two difference alleged occasions in two (2) difference states. What the alleged victim does not tell the court and allow it to reflect in their charges is that on the morning of March 23,1997, and two days prior to the alleged offends, Kisha and the Appellant had voluntarily engaged in drugs and aclohol, including sexual acts of oral and intercourse personally with each other, at 1535 Pleasant St. in the county of Hamilton and the city of Cincinnati, prior to Kisha calling the police on the morning in question, and personally orally telling police that Kisha was a living resident of 1535 Pleasant St. There is "no" dispute that the minor child Erica was raped, [it is common knowledge with-in the immediate Black and Parrish family members], that Erica was raped months prior too the alleged complaints against Appellant, but, "not by Appellant".

FIRST ASSIGNENT OF ERROR

TRIAL COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVED, WHEN HE ALLOWED TRIAL COURT TO SENTENCE APPELLANT WITH-OUT PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT[PSI] AND PSYCHIATRIC EVALUAION [PE].

ARGUMENT |S)

Trial court documentations affirms that defendant [alleged]induced pleas too 2 counts of violation of R.C. §2907.02||A)||1), on the promise||s) from defense counsel, promise(s) of presentence investigative report, [PSI] and psychiatric evaluation [PE].[T.p.page 11,lines 10-15.However the PSI did not materialize,if one infact had, defendant was "not "permitted to personally review PSI in a reasonable before sentencing to correct any misinformation, the PSI was court ordered, (T.p.page 11, lines 10-13). Defendant was entitled to access to PSI report in a reasonable time before sentencing. State v.Dietz, 89 O.App.3d.69,623 N.E.2d.613, to correct any material misinformation.U.S.Barrett,890.F.2d.855[16th Cir.1989].The extent of a defendant's constitutional right is not "to be sentenced on the basis of F.2d.140-143||6th.Cir.1988);U.S.v information".U.S.v.Stevens,851 invalid Silverman, 976 F2d. 1502|16th.Cir. 1992). [A]ny information may be considered so long as it had"[sufficient indicia of reliabliity to support its accuracy"].U.S.v. Herrera, 928 F2d. 769 | 16th. Cir. 1991); Alabama v. Smith, 490 U.S. 794, 109 S.Ct. 2201, 104 L.Ed.2d.865|1989). Sentence imposed on the basis of material misinformation under some circumstances, however, may violate due process. Robert, 455 U.S.at 556,100 S.Ct.1362; U.S.v Evans, 891 F2d. 686-688 | 8h.Cir.1989), cert, denied, 848 U.S. 1074, 108 L.Ed.2d.1010(1988),cert.,denied,495 U.S.931,110 S.Ct.2170,109 S.Ct.1047,98 L.Ed.2d.499(1990).See also T.p.Image 241.

On the same day of May 15,1997, in open court, the promise of psychiatric evaluation was made to defendant for defendant's induced pleas by defense counsel. [T.p.page 11, lines 10-15; T.p.page 13, lines 2-25; T.p.page 14, lines 1-25; T.p.page 15, lines 1-25;T.p.page 16,lines 1-5]. Defense counsel also gave trial court misinformation on defendant's suicide watch, T.p.page 13, lines 20-25; T.p.page 14, lines 1-7], and on the administration simultaneously of several different anti-psychotropic medication which had an adverse effect on defendant's mental state'his will too knowingly enter into guilty plea agreement. [T.p.page 13,lines 1-25; T.p.page 14, lines 1-5]. This court ordered PE would have put to rest whether defendant was infact mentally competent to enter a guilty plea. Defense counsel promise was broken, [there was "no" court ordered PE as defense counsel promised], and defense counsel was ineffectived. [T.p.page 16, lines 11-22; T.p. Image 19]. Defense counsel's promise(s) to defendant was "not" in good faith", and his ineffectiveness was prejudicial toward defendant and a serious breach of trust between defense counsel and defendant. The presentence PE mandated by [fromer R.C.\2947.25||A)], is part of the sentencing process and "cannot" be waived by the defendant or his counsel. [A]ny sentence imposed with-out compliance with O.App.2d.57,10 003d.64,383 v.Lee,56 R.C.§2947.25(A),is void.State fromer N.E.2d.342.Defense counsel should have maded reasonable investigation to assure that clincial examination was performed as defense counsel promised."[A] criminal defendant may not waive his constiutional rights, his right to counsel or plead so"competenly"and"intelligently".Johnson v.Zerbst,304 quilty unless he does U.S.458,468,58 S.Ct.1019,1025,82 L.Ed.1461(1938).Brady v.U.S.,397 U.S.742,758,90 S.Ct.1463,1474,25 L.Ed.2d.747||1970).Godinez v.Moran,113 S.Ct.at 2694.

Drope, 420 U.S.at 176,95 S.Ct.at 906.See also Jackson v.Indiana, 406 U.S.715,739,92 S.Ct.1845,1858,32 L.Ed.2d.435(1972);Riggins,504 U.S.at 142,112 S.Ct.at 1818-1819(1992). In order to show prejudice, defendant need only show that there is a reasonable probability that, but counsel's errors, the fact finder would have had a reasonable doubt about defendant's guilt.Strickland,466 U.S.at 693-698,104 S.Ct.2052.Combs v.Coyle,205 F2d.369(6th.Cir.2002);Lockhart v.Fretwell ,506 U.S.364,372,113 S.Ct.838,122 L.Ed.2d.180(1993).

ISSUE(S) PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

- (1) WHEN DEFENSE COUNSEL'S PROMISE(S) TO APPELLANT ARE BROKEN, [APPELLANT'S GUILTY PLEAS], WHICH WERE BASED UPON DEFENSE COUNSEL'S PROMISE(S), WERE "NOT" VOLUNTARILY, WILLINGLY, KNOWINGLY AND FREELY.
- (2) WHEN DEFENSE COUNSEL FAILED TO PROTECT HIS PROMISE(S), AND TO DEFEND COURT ORDERED CLINICAL EVALUATION, AND PSI, DEFENSE COUNSEL DENIED APPELLANT FUNDMENTAL FAIRNESS AT TRIAL COURT PROCEEDING, AND DENIED APPELLANT DUE PROCESS PROTECTION, AND RENDERED DEFENSE COUNSEL'S ASSISTANCE INEFFECTIVED.

SECOND ASSIGMENT OF ERROR

Trial counsel was ineffectived, when he failed to protect defendant's appellate rights.

ARGUMENT

At plea hearing of May 15,1997, in open court the guilty plea agreement(s) were presented to defendant, defendant affirms his signature. [T.p.page 7,1ines 14-21], however defendant's personal

signature"does not appear on, T.p. Image 124, defendant's signature appears on T.p.page Image 124A; [T.p.page 8,lines 19-25; T.p.page 9, lines 1-25; T.p.page 10, lines 1-17]. The court transcript of May 15,1997,is"silent"as too trial court or defense counsel orally, directly adhereing to criminial rule 11; Criminal Rule 11, is concern with a defendant's rights upon entering a plea and also sets forth the procedure to be followed when such plea is taken. Criminal Rule 11, includes all of the defendant's constitutional rights as stated in the fifth and sixth amendments of the U.S.Constitution.In order for a plea of guilty to be valid in a felony case"all"of the the procedural requirements of Criminal R.11, "must" be scrupulously adhere too,otherwise, the quilty plea is void. State v. Buchanan. 43 O. App. 2d. 93,72 002 2d. 307,344 N.E. 2d. 503,(1974). It was defense counsel's responsibility to assure that defendant was appraised of "all" his appellate rights and that trial court strictly complied with criminal rule 11. In reviewing the records on appeal, the appellate court should inquire as to whether the defendant voluntarily and knowingly waived his constitutional right(s). This inquiry intails a review of the records to ensure that criminal rule 11, was followed by the trial court upon defendant's guilty plea. State v. Kelly, 57 Ohio St.3d.127,129,566 N.E.2d.658,660.Smith v.Robbins,120 S.Ct.746,772 (2000). In adsence of sentencing transcript of June 18,1997, Appellant maintains that defense counsel nor trial court in a personal oral manner informed Appellant of his appellate rights, pursuant to

Criminal Rule (|B)(|2), before, after or during sentencing. Defense counsel "did not "make a reasonable effort to protect Appellant's appellate rights either orally, directly and personally during trial court proceeding. [R] ight to appeal from conviction in state court is "not" an absolute right, but where opportunity to appeal is granted, as in Ohio, an indigent conviction defendant "cannot" be deprived of his opportunity to appeal by his impecunious condition, R.C. § 2953.05, Griffin v.Illinois, [1956], 351 U.S.12,76 S.Ct.585,100 L.Ed.891,Burns v.Ohio,(1959),360 U.S.252,79 S.Ct.1164,3 L.Ed.2d.1209.Smith v.McMann, [1969], 417 F2d.648, 654, certiorani denied, 397 U.S.925, 90 S.Ct.929,,90 S.Ct.929,25 L.Ed.2d.105.The Federal Constitution is violated if a convicted defendant is denied an appeal"by reason of his lack of knowledge of his right and the failure of his counsel or the court to advise him of his right to appeal, with the aid of counsel".LaChance v.Erickson, 522 U.S. 262, 266 (1998), City of Cleveland Board of Education v.Loudemill,470 U.S.532-542(1985);Goodwin F2d.521,522-523||6th.Cir.1970).[T]he v.Cardwell,432 indigent defendant only"show" that he "was not "informed of his right to direct appeal. Lovelace v.Haskins,474 F2d.1254-1255(1973); [T.p..page 8,lines 13-25; T.p.page 9,lines 1-25; T.p. page 10, lines 1-20; T.p. page 16, lines 7-22] Over several years Appellant has attempted to get sentencing transcript of June 18,1997; See also T.P. Image 135; T.p.1; T.p.2; T.p.3. [T]he right to appeal exists even in the absence of a request.Swenson v.Boslen, | 1967), 386 U.S. 258, at 260,87 S.Ct. at 997,18 L.Ed. 2d. 33.

ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

WHEN DEFENSE COUNSEL FAILED TO PROTECT APPELLANT'S APPELLATE RIGHTS, DEFENSE COUNSEL'S ASSISTANCE WAS INEFFECTIVED AND FELL WELL BELOW REASONABLY STANDARDS, AND DENIED APPELLANT DUE PROCESS PROTECTION UNDER THE 14TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND DEFENSE COUNSEL'S MISCONDUCT ADVERSELY AFFECTED APPELLANT'S PLEA HEARING OUTCOME.

THIRD ASSIGNENT OF ERROR

TRIAL COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVED AT SENTENCING, BY ALLOWING TRIAL COURT TO IMPOSE MAXIMUM SENTENCING WITH-OUT STRICTLY COMPLYING WITH SENTENCING GUIDELINES.

ARGUMENT

Defense counsel knowingly allowed trial court to impose maximum sentence on defendant with-out complying with sentencing guidelines. [Ohio] Courts as of 1996, are required to comply with the sentencing guidelines and procedures set forth under Ohio's Revised Codes §2929.11 through §2929.14|C) and R.C's §2951.02|B); §2929.12||C) with §2929.19(B)||2)||e), with trial court making and"specially enumerating "why this particular alleged offense were the "worst forms" of the offense maximum sentence.State v.Kershaw,132,Ohio App.3d.243|Hamilton v.Sheppard, [Hamilton, Cty. 1997), 124 Cty.1991),724 N.E.2d.1176; State App.3d.66;705 N.E.2d.411;State v.Comer,99 Ohio St.3d.463,793 N.E.2d.473.Defendant who received maximum sentence for offense"is entitled"to de novo review of sentence by court of appeals.R.C.\2953.08(A)\(a).

ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVED IN ALLOWING TRIAL COURT TO IMPOSE MAXIMUM SENTENCE WITH-OUT COMPLYING WITH SENTENCING GUIDELINES, HIS ASSISTANCE WAS NOT REASONABLY, AND COUNSEL'S INEFFECTIVENESS ADVERSLY AFFECTED APPELLANT'S SENTENCE, AND DENIED APPELLANT DUE PROCESS PROTECTION.

FOURTH ASSIGNENT OF ERROR

TRIAL COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVED FOR ALLOWING DEFENDANT TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A SEXUAL PREDATOR WITH-OUT REQUISITE HEARING.

ARGUMENT

Defense counsel was ineffectived at plea hearing and sentencing of May 15,1997 and June 18,1997, when he (counsel) knowingly allowed trial court to classify defendant

a sexual predator with-out requisite hearing.[T.p.page 7,lines 1-12;T.p.page 7,lines 23-25;T.p.page 8 lines 1-14;T.p.page 10,lines 21-25;T.p.page 11,lines 1-4;T.p.page 17,lines 16-25]. Defendant was adjudicated with-out clear and convincing evidence and in absence of R.C.§2950.09[|B][|]).State v.Eppinger,91 Ohio St.3d.158;743 N.E.2d.881 [|2000];State v.Cook,[|1998],83 Ohio St.3d.423-426.

ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVED IN FAILING TO OBJECT, WHEN TRIAL COURT FAILED TO PROVIDE APPELLANT WITH A HEARING UNDER SEXUAL PREDATOR GUIDELINES, DEFENSE COUNSEL'S ASSISTANCE WAS NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF REASONABLY, AND "DID NOT" PROTECT APPELLANT'S DUE PROCESS RIGHTS UNDER R.C. § 2950.09.

FIFTH ASSIGNENT OF ERROR

TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS' DISCRETION IN SENTENCING BY NOT FORMALLY ADVISING DEFENDANT OF HIS APPELLANT RIGHTS.

ARGUMENT

Trial court abused its' discretion by not orally directly and personally informing defendant of his appellate rights during sentencing in absence of Criminal Rule 32|(B)|(2). Trial court transcript of May 15,1997 is silent. Trial court "did not" in an oral dialogue inform defendant of his appellate rights, which should have been personal and in a reasonably intelligible manner."[I]f one's right to direct appeal and his right to court-appointed counsel for such appeal are to be viable, it is imperative that there be such a determination of such rights by the appellate court".State v.Sims, 272 N.E.2d.at 88-89(Ohio 1971); Evitts v.Lucey,469 U.S.387,393||1985); Douglas v.California,372 U.S.353,356-57||1963). The purpose of the first appeal provided as of right by a state is to determine whether the individual defendant has been "lawfully" incarcerated and to ensure a correct adjudication of guilt or innocence.

Griffin v.Illinois,351 U.S.12,18(1956).Burkett v.Cunningham,826 F2d.1208,1221(8th.Cir.1987);Stephenson,510 F.Supp.840,842|M.D.N.C.1981).Equal protection concerns are implicated when the state treats a class of defendants' differently for purpose of offering them a meaningful appeals.Evitts,469 U.S.at 405.

ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS' DISCRETION BY NOT ORALLY, DIRECTLY FORMALLY ADVISING APPELLANT OF HIS APPELLATE RIGHTS, TRIAL COURT'S ABUSE DENIED APPELLANT DUE PROCESS PROTECTION, AND THIS ABUSE DENIED APPELLANT A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIAL COURT PROCEEDING, AND A RIGHT TO DIRECT APPEAL.

SIXTH ASSIGNENT OF ERROR

TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS' DISCRETION BY NOT FORMALLY ADVISING DEFENDANT OF A HEARING AS PROVIDED BY R.C. § 2950.09 [B] [1].

ARGUMENT

Trial court abused its' discretion by adjudicating defendant a sexual predator, in absence of R.C.\2950.09.(|B)(|1), and with evidence which was "not"clear and convincing.State v.Eppinger,91 Ohio St.3d.158;743 N.E.2d.881."To [earn] the most severe designation of sexual predator, the defendant "must "have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing a sexually oriented offense and "must" be likely to sexually engage in the future in one ormore offenses".R.C.\2050.01(F), State v.Cook, 83 Ohio St.3d.at 407;700 N.E.2d.at 574.A sexual offender classification will have a profound impact on a defendant's life, it impartial and fair.State v.Gowdy, (2000), 88 Ohio St. 3d. 387, 389;727 must be N.E.2d.579-589. The state "must", as a matter of equal protection, provide indigent prisoners with the basis tools of an adequate defense when those tools are available for a price to other prisoners".Britt v.North Carolina, [1971],404 U.S.226,227;92 S.Ct.431,433;30 L.Ed.2d.400,403.

ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS' DISCRETION AND DENIED APPELLANT DUE PROCESS PROTECTION, BY NOT FORMALLY PROVIDING APPELLANT A SEXUAL PREDATOR HEARING, WITH CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIIDENCE BEFORE ADJUDICATING APPELLANT A SEXUAL PREDATOR.

T.p.page 5,lines 11-25;T.p.page 6,lines 1-25;T.p.page 7,lines 1-12;T.p.page 7,lines 23-25;T.p.page 8,lines 1-14;T.p.page 17,lines 16-25].

CONCLUSION

The Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments guarantee a person accused of a crime the right to the aid of a lawyer in preparing and presenting his defense, the right to counsel is the right to effective assistance of counsel with adequate legal assistance. In Strickland v.Washington, [passim] at 2074-2075, Justice Marshall dissented and filed this opinion in part" to tell lawyers and the lower courts that counsel for a criminal defendant "must" behave "reasonably" and must act like a reasonable competent attorney", ante, at 2065, "is to tell them nothing". It is an unfortunate but undenial fact that a person of means, by selecting a lawyer and paying him enough to ensure he perpares thoroughly, usually can obtain better representation than that available to an indigent defendant, who must rely on appointed counsel, who in turn, has limited time and resources to devote to a given case. [I]s a reasonably competent attorney, a reasonably competent adequately paid retained attorney or a reasonably competent appointed attorney? It is also a fact that the quality of representation avaliable to ordinary defendants in different parts of the country varies significantly. Should the standard of performance mandated by the Sixth Amendment vary by local"? [A]ppellant maintains that in absence of proper procedure and in strict violation of Ohio's and the U.S. Constitutions, Appellant was sold into"involuntary servitude/slavery"to the state of Ohio for 10 years for the tune of \$300.00 dollars.

In 1865, the thirteenth Amendment was adoped which, ["prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude], the Fourteenth Amendment"extended the privileges citizenship to"African Americans" and forbids the states from "abridging"the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, it also forbids the states from depriving any person of life, liberty, or property without "due process of law", or of denying any person the equal protection of the law. In the instance case at bar "three" [3] laws are in conflict, the laws of Hamilton County, the Ohio and the U.S.Constitution, Hamilton County's laws have illegally kept Appellant in involuntary servitude to the state of Ohio against Appellant's will and deliberately denied Appellant due process protection. For 72 years Appellant has been imprisoned under infirm conditions, with undue mental and physical pressure imposed against him, without the benefit of due process protection and still with the strong belief in the American justice system which has tho so far failed him". Appellant has been delieratley denied the personal privileges of his loved ones', his family "structure"has been broken, his family members have suffered the personal humiliation with mental and physical pain from Appellant's wrongful incarceration. Delayed justice must not continue to incarcerate Appellant without due process of law.

It is therefore prays that delayed justice be granted Appellant.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a correct copy of this revised appellatte byef was forward to Michael K.Allen, at 230 E.9th.S./Cinti,Ohio 45202; on this day of day of

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VE.

LOUIS MERRIWEATHER.

ENTRY DENYING MOTION

Defendant.

Plaintiff

Upon consideration of Defendant's Motion, the Court hearby denies Defendant's Motion and his request for prideratery bearing. Presume to \$ 2953.21 and 3953.23 of the Obio Revised. Code, Defendant's Motion was not timely filed. Further, the Court finds that no grounds exist first the relief requested.

Judge Beth A. Myers

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